

OLD NICHOLSON HOUSE

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OLD NICHOLSON HOUSE
Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
224 Thomas St. (Near Reeves)

Owner: Madison Gartrell Nicholeon.

Date of Erection: Original after 1800; front portion 1840.

Architect or Builder:

Present Condition: Good. Front colonade veranda changed twice, now similar to original and built of old columns from another house on new foundations.

Number of Stories: Two and basement. Faces East.

Materials of Construction: Foundation brick. Floors wood. Exterior and interior walls frame. Present roof composition shingle.

Other Existing Records: Article by Lucy Woodall Nicholson (Mrs. M.G. Nicholson) Atlanta Journal, Athens Banner, December, 1934.

Additional Data: Old part of house at back two story and a basement one step off ground. Old Mrs. Lyle says all downstairs was the original dining room of University of Georgia. Old hand drawn nails. Old sills mortised and pegged with locust pegs. New part built in 1840 by ^{the} Wray of Wrayswood who came here to educate their children. Wray have a deed from University; lot used to be next to botanical garden.

Original porch changed a generation ago to provide wide double porches, all columns removed. In 1916 house was restored and columns taken from old Whaley Place on Prince Ave. where Central Presbyterian Church is now and the present two story front porch built over high brick piers, with segmental arches between supporting porch. Iron railings also new.

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